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Arizona Corporation Commission
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Attn: Docket Control

Re: Docket No. E-00000C-11-0328

I want to testify to you some of the adverse health effects my family and I have experienced after the installation at our home of the so-called "Smart Meter" by Arizona Public Service. This is the digital electric meter that sends multiple-per-day wireless transmissions of electricity usage information.

In February, 2011, an APS employee came to our home without notice and told my wife he had to install the new meter, and that we had no choice but to accept it. Over the next few months we experienced a serious and noticeable increase in fatigue, mental "fog", and anxiety. I also started to experience severe headaches while sitting at my desk. The desk where I work from home is about 8 feet from the meter, and our dining room table is about 8 feet from it also, on the other side of the wall. My wife and son also experienced heightened anxiety, fatigue, and difficulty sleeping. Even our dogs behaved anxiously for no apparent reason, pacing and growling regularly, which they had not done before except during lightning storms.

Around July, 2011, I started to suspect that this transmitting meter was contributing to our new health problems. I knew these health effects would only get worse unless the cause was removed. Finally, in October I called APS and told them I wanted to have the "Smart Meter" taken out, that I had never given my consent to have it installed, and that I suspected it was causing health problems for our family. They agreed to take it out "temporarily", until the Arizona Corporation Commission would rule on allowing customers to opt out of the "Smart Meter" for an extra monthly charge.

Immediately after this transmitting meter was taken out, and replaced with a non-transmitting meter, my wife and I experienced a definite improvement in the health symptoms mentioned above. The terrible fatigue went away, as well as the mental "fog" and much of our anxiety. My headaches stopped immediately. The morning after the meter was taken out, our son mentioned that he had slept better than he had in months, though he did not know the meter had been removed. Our dogs stopped their anxious behavior immediately, and an unusual atmosphere of calm and quiet came into our home. I assure you this testimony is true.

APS has made this statement regarding the health impact of their transmitting "Smart Meters":

"Wireless smart meters result in much smaller levels of radio frequency (RF) exposure than many existing household electronic devices."

My response: It is not necessarily the level of the signal that causes ill effects, but may be the frequency of the signal. These wireless devices are transmitting at a frequency that has definite ill effects on our energy, and our emotional and mental well-being. It is scientifically well-known that energies of various frequencies have an actual physical impact on people's bodies and nervous systems. I am convinced APS did no studies on the effect of regular transmission bursts of these frequencies on humans. I am sure they did no research into the resonance of these frequencies in our home electric system (which surrounds us in our home), when this "Smart Meter" is embedded as a component in it. I am convinced that no adequate studies were done on the short-term and long-term physical and neurological effects of these devices on human beings or their pets.

I am not suspicious of the motives of APS. I just think they do not understand, and have not sufficiently investigated, the adverse health impact of these meters.

Due to the adverse health effects, my family and I do not give our consent to have a "Smart Meter" installed at our home. This is legal notice. After this delivery, the liabilities related to the health impact on my family from these "Smart Meters" may not be denied or avoided by parties named and implied in this notice.

Please include me on the Service List for this Docket No. E-00000C-11-0328.

Sincerely,



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